

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 5-6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2-4 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 4, wherein the predetermined proportion is a majority.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 4, wherein the second action includes logging the present count without taking further corrective action.

Claim 4 (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1;~~ A method suitable for filtering events in an information technology resource monitor, comprising the steps of:

determining a present count of occurrences of an event for a present monitoring period;

comparing the present count with numbers of occurrences of the event in a plurality of earlier monitoring periods;

invoking a first action if the present count exceeds a predetermined proportion of the numbers of occurrences of the event in the plurality of earlier monitoring periods; and

invoking a second action if the present count does not exceed the predetermined proportion of the numbers of occurrences of the event in the plurality of earlier monitoring periods;

wherein the plurality of earlier monitoring periods all begin at the same times on consecutive days previous to the present monitoring period.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled)